

Tuesday, July 29, 1997

Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS

Senate passed Commerce, Justice, State Appropriations.

The House passed H.R. 2266, DOD Appropriations Act for FY 1998.

Committee on the Conference filed the Conference report on H.R. 2015, the Balanced Budget Act of 1997 (H. Rept. 105-217).

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S8207-S8285

Measures Introduced: Nine bills and one resolution were introduced, as follows: S. 1078-1086 and S. Con. Res. 45. Page S8262

Measures Passed:

Commerce, Justice, State, the Judiciary Appropriations, 1998: By a unanimous vote of 99 yeas (Vote No. 206), Senate passed S. 1022, making appropriations for the Departments of Commerce, Justice, and State, the Judiciary, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1998, after taking action on further amendments proposed thereto, as follows: Pages S8211, S8213-18, S8226-48

Adopted:

Gregg/Hollings Amendment No. 1024, to make funds available for a study on the effect of intentional encirclement on dolphins in the eastern tropical Pacific Ocean. Pages S8213-15

Gregg Amendment No. 1025, to provide funds for the Ship Creek facility in Anchorage, Alaska, for the construction of a facility on the Gulf Coast in Mississippi, and for an open ocean aquaculture project in Durham, New Hampshire. Pages S8213-15

Gregg (for Coverdell) Amendment No. 1026, to require the Attorney General to submit a report on the feasibility of requiring convicted sex offenders to submit DNA samples for law enforcement purposes. Pages S8213-15

Gregg (for Dorgan) Amendment No. 1027, to express the sense of the Senate that the Federal Government should not withhold universals service support payments. Pages S8213-15

Gregg (for McCain/Kyl) Amendment No. 1028, regarding the waiver of certain vaccination requirements for immigrants. Pages S8213-15

Gregg (for Biden) Amendment No. 1029, to extend funding for the Violent Crime Reduction Trust Fund through fiscal year 2002. Pages S8213-15

Gregg (for Kerry) Amendment No. 1030, to provide funding for the Community Policy to Combat Domestic Violence Program. Pages S8213-15

Gregg/Hollings Amendment No. 1031, regarding political appointees in positions at the Office of the United States Trade Representative. Pages S8213-15

Wellstone Amendment No. 1032, to clarify the income eligibility requirements for victims of domestic violence. Pages S8216-17

Wellstone/Kennedy Amendment No. 1033, to require the Legal Services Corporation to conduct a study regarding persons prohibited from receiving legal representation regarding efforts to reform welfare systems. Pages S8217-18

Gregg Amendment No. 1034, to establish a funding level for the Department of State Capital Investment Fund. Pages S8226-27

Gregg (for Kyl) Amendment No. 995, to provide for the payment of special masters for civil actions concerning prison conditions. Pages S8211, S8226-27

Withdrawn:

Kerry Amendment No. 992, to provide funding for the Community Policing to Combat Domestic Violence Program. Page S8211

Gregg (for Coverdell) Amendment No. 996, to require the Attorney General to submit a report on the feasibility of requiring convicted sex offenders to submit DNA samples for law enforcement purposes. Page S8211

Hollings (for Dorgan) Amendment No. 997, to express the sense of the Senate that the Federal Government should not withhold universals service support payments. Page S8211

Hollings (for Biden) Amendment No. 998, to provide additional funds for the Violent Crime Reduction Trust Fund.

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During consideration of this measure today, Senate also took the following action:

By unanimous-consent agreement, Amendments Numbered 1003, 1004, and 1008, as previously agreed to on July 24, 1997, were modified.

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Legislative Branch Appropriations, 1998: Senate passed H.R. 2209, making appropriations for the Legislative Branch for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1998, after striking all after the enacting clause except appropriations for the House of Representatives and House office buildings and inserting in lieu thereof the text of S. 1019, Senate companion measure, as passed by the Senate on July 16, 1997. Senate insisted on its amendments, requested a conference with the House thereon, and the Chair appointed the following conferees: Senators Bennett, Stevens, Craig, Cochran, Dorgan, Boxer, and Byrd.

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Pursuant to the order of July 16, 1997, passage of S. 1019 was vitiated and the bill was indefinitely postponed.

Pages S7601-02

Defense Appropriations, 1998: Pursuant to the order of July 14, 1997, Senate passed H.R. 2266, making appropriations for the Department of Defense for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1998, after striking all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the text of S. 1005, Senate companion measure, as passed by the Senate. Senate insisted on its amendment, requested a conference with the House thereon, and the chair appointed the following conferees: Senators Stevens, Cochran, Specter, Domenici, Bond, McConnell, Shelby, Gregg, Hutchison, Inouye, Hollings, Byrd, Leahy, Bumpers, Lautenberg, Harkin, and Dorgan.

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Also, pursuant to the order of July 15, 1997, Senate vitiated passage of S. 1005 and the bill was indefinitely postponed.

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Transportation Appropriations, 1998: Senate concluded consideration of S. 1048, making appropriations for the Department of Transportation and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1998, after taking action on amendments proposed thereto, as follows:

Pages S8223-24, S8249-58

Adopted:

Shelby (for D'Amato/Moynihan) Amendment No. 1022, to direct a transit fare study in the New York City metropolitan area.

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Shelby (for Kerrey/Hagel) Amendment No. 1035, to extend the expiration date of a general provision from the fiscal year 1997 transportation appropriations act.

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Shelby/Lautenberg Amendment No. 1036, to make certain technical and funding changes.

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Shelby (for Abraham) Amendment No. 1037, to make funds available for certain transit bus projects.

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Shelby (for Campbell) Amendment No. 1038, to provide for a study of the metropolitan planning process in Denver, Colorado.

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Shelby/Lautenberg Amendment No. 1039, to make a technical correction relating to the Right-of-Way Revolving Fund.

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Shelby (for Inouye) Amendment No. 1040, of a clarifying nature.

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Shelby (for Hollings) Amendment No. 1041, to facilitate the application of the pilot record-sharing provisions of title 49, United States Code, added by the Federal Aviation Reauthorization Act of 1996, to air carriers operating non-scheduled operations under part 135 of the FAA regulations.

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Shelby (for Frist) Amendment No. 1042, to require the Secretary of Transportation to exercise the exemption authority under section 41714 of title 49, United States Code, with respect to certain air service between slot-controlled airports subject to that authority and nonhub points, within 120 days after receiving a request for such an exemption.

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Shelby (for Levin/Graham) Amendment No. 1043, to express the sense of the Senate concerning reauthorization of highway and mass transit programs.

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Shelby (for Johnson/Daschle) Amendment No. 1044, to provide for the development and operation of the Nationwide Differential Global Positioning System.

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Also, Senate considered H.R. 2169, House companion measure, striking all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the text of S. 1048, as amended.

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A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for a vote on final passage of H.R. 2169 to occur on Wednesday, July 30, 1997.

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Foreign Affairs Reform and Restructuring Act—Conferees: Senate insisted on its amendment to H.R. 1757, to consolidate international affairs agencies, and to authorize appropriations for the Department of State and related agencies for fiscal years 1998 and 1999, agreed to the request of the House for a conference thereon, and the Chair appointed the following conferees: Senators Helms, Coverdell, Hagel, Grams, Biden, Sarbanes, and Dodd.

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Removal of Injunction of Secrecy: The injunction of secrecy was removed from the following treaties, received by the Senate on Monday, July 28, 1997.

Extradition Treaty with Cyprus (Treaty Doc. 105-16); and

WIPO Performances and Phonograms Treaty (WPPT) (1996) and WIPO Copyright Treaty (WCT) (1996) (Treaty Doc. 105-17).

The treaties were transmitted to the Senate today, considered as having been read for the first time, and referred, with accompanying papers, to the Committee on Foreign Relations and ordered to be printed.

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Messages From the President: Senate received the following messages from the President of the United States:

Transmitting the report entitled "U.S. Arctic Research Plan, Biennial Revision: 1998-2002"; referred to the Committee on Governmental Affairs. (PM-57).

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Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

1 Department of Defense nomination in the rank of general.

Routine lists in the Air Force and Marine Corps.

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Messages From the President:

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Messages From the House:

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Measures Referred:

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Measures Placed on Calendar:

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Communications:

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Authority for Committees:

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Additional Statements:

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Record Votes: One record vote was taken today. (Total—206)

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Adjournment: Senate convened at 10 a.m., and adjourned at 6:14 p.m., until 9:30 a.m., on Wednesday, July 30, 1997. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S8265.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

AGRICULTURAL PRICE VOLATILITY

Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry: Committee concluded hearings to examine the impact of the Federal Agriculture Improvement and Reform Act (P.L. 104-127) on price and income volatility in agricultural markets and the Federal Government's role to manage volatility, after receiving testimony from Keith Collins, Chief Economist, Department of Agriculture; Leland H. Swenson, National Farmers Union, Aurora, Colorado; Michael R. Dicks, Oklahoma State University, Stillwater; Ken Rulon, Rulon Enterprises, Cicero, Indiana; Duane Fischer, Scoular Company, Omaha, Nebraska, on behalf of the National Grain and Feed Association; N. Alan Bair, Pennsylvania State University, Middletown; Edward T. Coughlin, National Milk Producers Federation, Arlington, Virginia; and Gary A. Corbett, Dean Foods Company, Rockford, Illinois, on behalf of the International Dairy Foods Association.

ATM NETWORKS

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Committee concluded hearings to examine automated teller machine (ATM) network operations and the practice of surcharging by banks and thrifts with regard to ATMs, and S. 885, to limit fees charged by financial institutions for the use of automatic teller machines, after receiving testimony from Donald I. Baker, Baker & Miller, G. Henry Mundt, III, Cirrus System, Inc., and Anthony N. McEwen, PLUS ATM/Visa U.S.A., all of Washington, D.C.; Thomas M. Caron, Easton Cooperative Bank, Easton, Massachusetts, on behalf of the Community Bank League of New England; Allen I. Olson, Independent Community Bankers of Minnesota, Eagan; and John G. Bascom, Magic Line, Inc., Dearborn, Michigan.

GLOBAL TOBACCO SETTLEMENT

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Committee held hearings to examine commerce related issues with regard to the proposed Global Tobacco Settlement which will mandate a total reformation and restructuring of how tobacco products are manufactured, marketed, and distributed in America, and its long-term impact on children and the public health, receiving testimony from C. Everett Koop, former Surgeon General of the Public